

**Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago**  
**Course Profile - Fall 2008**

**T-450 Constructive Theology**

**Instructor:** Dr. Richard J. Perry, Jr.

**Class Schedule:** Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30p.m.

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**Office Hours:** Monday—4:00-6:00p.m., Tuesday—4:00-6:00p.m., and Wednesday—4:00-6:00p.m. and by appointment other days in the week.

**Course Description:** An integrative course dealing with the role of theology in leadership formation and functioning based on experiences encountered in fieldwork.

**Prerequisite:** Internship or equivalent.

**Course Goals:** Students will be able

1. To discuss various ways that theologies are developed in concrete situations
2. To examine various theological issues surrounding a particular challenge in ministry
3. To deepen their articulation and expression of their own theological position vis-à-vis Christian traditions and their personal experiences in ministry
4. To synthesize their own theological perspectives and experiences in fieldwork into a useful model of ministry

**Required work:** Active participation in class discussions, a theological portrait and case study of the fieldwork context, a letter to a young seminarian, and a final paper which articulates a constructive theological understanding of ministry.

**Outline and content of course:**

1. Theological approaches/Models
2. Vocation
3. Theology in Context

**Bibliography:** These texts are required. However, they may change. Please check with professor and/or the Augsburg Fortress Book Center in the basement of LSTC.

Anderson, Victor. Creative Exchange: A Constructive Theology of African American Religious Experience. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008.

Copeland, Shawn. Enfleshing Freedom: Body, Race, and Being. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008.

Eiesland, Nancy. Disabled God: Toward a Liberatory Theology of Disability.

ELCA Constitution and By-Laws. Available on line at [www.elca.org/](http://www.elca.org/)

Elizondo, Virgilio. Galilean Journey: The Mexican-American Promise. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2001.

Joh, Wonhee Anne. Heart of the Cross: A Postcolonial Christology. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2006.

Kidwell, Clara Sue, Homer Noley, and George E. 'Tink' Tinker. A Native American Theology. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2001.

Palmer, Parker J., Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation. New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1999.

Perkinson, Jim. White Theology: Outing Supremacy in Modernity. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, First Edition, 2004.

**Recommended:**

Jones, Serene and Paul Lakeland, eds., Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005.

**“A course profile is only a snapshot of the course offered and does not take the place of the Course Syllabus which the professor will make available the first meeting of the class.”**